

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1681  
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FIGHTER AIRCRAFT IN IAF  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) plans to develop its own combat aircraft in 20 years time;
- (b) whether the 14 base repair depots of IAF have grown in both capability and capacity in a manner that it will be able to develop its own medium multi role combat aircraft;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether IAF has successfully upgraded Russian MiG 29 fighters at its Nashik based Ozar facility; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) is scheduled for grant of Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) on 20th December, 2013.
- (b) & (c): Base Repair Depots (BRDs) are primarily repair and overhaul agencies. Presently, IAF BRDs have the requisite capability, expertise and infrastructure to integrate, repair and overhaul all types of aircraft.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. BRD of the Indian Air Force based at Nashik is successfully upgrading the Russian MiG-29 fighter aircraft.